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## MILE A MINUTE

### Rock Island Special Bearing Son of John W. Gates to New York Physicians

Owing to the illness by blood poison of Charles Gilbert Gates, son of John W. Gates, the millionaire steel magnate, of New York, who was stricken at Yuma, Ariz., while traveling east from California, a special train of two cars was made up and rushed as fast as possible to New York. The train left El Paso Friday morning at about 8 o'clock.

The train made a record run, traveling over the Rock Island lines as far as Chicago, and thence by one of the New York Central lines to New York. The passenger department of the Rock Island was notified that the two car special had right of way over everything. Mr. Gates was being rushed to New York, his home, to the care of his own city physicians his condition being deemed critical. The train consisted of a baggage car and Mr. Gates' private car "Ranger".

The special passed through Liberal early Saturday morning and stopped just long enough to change engines. The train made 18-100 miles per minute over this division and came in more than an hour ahead of its schedule time.

### The Real Puzzle

Word from Topeka says the standpat senators are in favor of adjournment February 28, while the house means to adopt a resolution fixing March 11, as the day. The splutter of the standpatters to adjourn at such an early date will not worry anybody.

What is puzzling the people of Kansas is to know why the legislature met at all!—K. C. Times.

The basketball team of the University of Kansas has during the past three years had an exceptional record of victories. During the present season it was uniformly victorious until last Friday night when the team from Nebraska University carried away the long end of the score. However the Kansas boys secured revenge the following night by defeating Nebraska by a score of 37 to 12. The physical director at the University, Dr. James Naismith, is the inventor of basketball and it may be partly due to this fact that the University teams rank at the head in this sport.

M. C. Pennykamp has resigned as express agent here and will leave this week for Topeka where he will work for Crane and Co. A new position of express cashier has been created here, and is now filled by Mr. Peyton of Hutchinson formerly routing agent for the U. S. Express Co.

C. B. Lonker got off the train here Wednesday morning, and went to Dodge City with his brother, W. A. He had been looking after his land interests near Liberal, and was enroute to his home at Enid, Oklahoma.—Ford Promoter.

Representative Morgan of the Second District of Oklahoma has introduced a bill into Congress providing for a tariff of \$30 to \$40 on broomcorn. How will our own representative Madison vote on this?

Scandrett & Fuest are putting a cement floor in the basement of their store this week, and installing a new freight elevator. These improvements will greatly facilitate the work of handling heavy hardware, and will add to their already large storage room.

## Piano Recital

A large audience of appreciative friends heard the recital of Miss Kathryn Jordan and Mrs. Hazel Decker at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening. The recital was given under the direction of Mrs. John Fraser, who has been conducting a music class here for some time. The difficult program, composed entirely of classical numbers showed to advantage the work accomplished by the young ladies during the past two years. They were assisted by Mildred Hood, Grace Etzold, Paul Stoufer and Kemper Funk, who presented a character sketch from an operetta, which was well received. At the close of the recital, teachers diplomas were presented to the graduates with a few well chosen remarks by Mrs. John Fraser.

## Up to The Senate

Rep. Wheeler's bill giving the commissioners of Seward county authority to levy a special tax for a new jail and sheriff's residence has passed the House of Representatives and now awaits the action of the Senate. Senator Glenn has been asked to help the bill through the upper house.

## Flowers From The South

One of our citizens received a box of flowers this week from friends in Hartwell, Arkansas. The daffodils were as large and perfect as the hot house product which we generally see at this time of the year. A letter was also received which stated that they were plucked Friday from one of the lawns in Hartwell.

Mr. Fraser who has been cashier of the Rock Island freight department at this point for about two years has received notice that he has been promoted to the position of traveling auditor. His headquarters will probably be at Oklahoma City with his territory extending to Memphis, Tenn. He will leave shortly to take up the work of the new position. His family will follow after several months.

At the recent examination of pharmacists held at Wichita, only 29 out of the 69 who took the examination passed. Russel Murphy, who was a Liberal boy was among the fortunate 29. His many friends here will be glad to hear of his success.

Jim Maloney bought a bunch of cattle of Smith brothers the first of the week, and shipped the nine cars of stock to his ranch in Morris county this week.

The snow has been pretty tough on the rural mail carriers this week. Several of them have been forced to give up delivery on account of the condition of the roads.

Do you realize Liberal's future? Why don't you invest in some of those choice lots of the Ellsaesser, Woods & Henry Company.

Bert Whims, manager of the Economy is in Wichita and Kansas City buying spring goods.

The mark of a particular business man is his stationery. How about yours?

Mrs. J. Karau will entertain with a thimble party, Friday afternoon.

Money talks, but it will have to do more than that if it insures peace.

Miss Rena Booher of Floris was shopping in Liberal Tuesday.

A. P. Eddington went to Hutchinson Wednesday on business.

A new line of laces has just arrived at the 5, 10 and 15 cent store.

## Where Poultry Pays

### Sheriff of Seward County is Building up a Plant.

Liberal, Feb. 20.—A chicken never dies a natural death in Seward county. And they are not long lived, either, because of the insistent demand for frys.

A live man has taken advantage of these highly favorable conditions and established a poultry packing concern, under the name of the Liberal Cold Storage Co. George Quinlan, the retiring sheriff of Seward county, is at the head of this company. He is an experienced poultryman, but did not embark in the business at Liberal until last May.

His plant is unable to supply the demand for choice poultry fast enough, and he will increase its size as fast as the farmers of the neighborhood go into the raising of good poultry.

One woman who lives near town has, during the past fall and summer, drawn a weekly check amounting to \$10 or \$11 for eggs and poultry sold to this concern. There is a big demand for turkeys also, and the farmers got 14¢ cents a pound for these birds. The writer saw one monster broiler in the poultry yard that weighed 35½ pounds. He was picked out by a Liberal banker for his Christmas dinner.

The secret of the success of poultry raising in southwest Kansas is first, the ideal climatic conditions; second, the cheapness of feed. Chickens and turkeys thrive on milo maize, kafir corn and broom corn seed, and more than one farmer raises good flocks on feed that would otherwise be wasted. A little charcoal for the turkeys is all that is necessary in the way of luxuries for these birds.—Hutchinson News.

They are going fast. What? Town lots. Let Ellsaesser, Woods and Henry tell you about their payment plan lots.

Don't neglect your fire insurance. You may lose all in a few hours. Without tornado insurance you may lose all in an instant. Fire rates three years 80 cents per \$100. Tornado insurance 50 cents per \$100, for three years. Phone 5. LAND-THAYER LAND CO.

## Liberal School Notes.

Many pupils have been out of school on account of the wintery weather.

Most of the rooms had Valentine boxes and Miss Hesse's and Miss Well's rooms gave an interesting program. They will give a Washington program Friday.

Miss Erville Cornelius visited the primary department Friday. The teachers wish to thank her for the material she brought for them that they might use in their work.

The children are enjoying the snow. The larger boys have quit playing ball, and the small boys have given up their shinny game, and for a time fox and geese and snowballing are in order now.

The teachers are keeping children in the house that do not have good rubbers or shoes.

Let us demonstrate our Bluebell Cream Separator at your home. You will want one if you see it work. Liberal Hardware Co. 2-10-11

A market the year around for butter, eggs, poultry and hides at the highest market prices, at the Liberal Cold Storage plant. Bring them to us and get the cash for them. 8-5-11.

I have \$300 to loan on improved real estate. See Chas. Molter at the office of the Star Lumber Co.

## No Experimental Farm

They Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives has killed all bills providing for experimental farms at the states expense. This means that Seward county will not get the experimental station, which it wanted.

## City Mass Convention

A mass meeting is hereby called at the opera house in Liberal on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. February 23, 1911 for the purpose of nominating officers on the Citizens Ticket for mayor, five councilmen, and police Judge.

(Signed) W. H. Feather. Chairman.

## About Kansas

To understand why people say "Dear Old Kansas" is to understand that Kansas is no mere geographical expression, but a "state of mind," a religion, and a philosophy in one.

In Kansas, as has been well said, "it is the ideas of the Pilgrims, not their descendants, that have had dominion in the young commonwealth." Ideas, sometimes, as well as the star of empire, move westward, and so it happens that Kansas is more Puritan than New England of today. It is what New England, Old England itself, once was—the frontier, and ever changing spot where dwell the courageous who defy fate and conquer circumstances. For the frontier is more than a matter of location, and Puritanism itself is a kind of frontier. There is an intellectual "West" as well as a territorial "West."

## Looking Ahead

### Everybody Should Think About The City's Future Welfare

Many important things will depend on the next city officers.

The coming election of city officers will be very interesting. Many important measures will be put up to the next mayor. The progress of Liberal will depend in a large measure, upon the officers elected on April third.

The agitation for better water works is becoming more apparent every day. When the question is submitted to the people, along with it will arise the question of how much confidence the city has in her officers. In case the people do not believe them a capable set of officials the proposition will be voted down.

We need a city scales, and the right kind of a man to run it. This is a very important thing to the business interests of the town, and should by all means be taken up by the coming council.

We believe a move for street lights would be popular with the majority of the citizens of the town. Along with these things will be a demand for an economical administration. There seems to be every probability that such a set of officers will be elected. Keep your eye peeled, and ask the man who solicits your vote his position on these things. Keep the town moving forward as fast as we can afford to have her move.

## Notice

Commencing March 1st we will give one 16 x 20 enlarged crayon portrait, with every \$5.00 or more worth of goods sold at our store at one time. We sell wall paper, paint, pictures, frames and moldings. We do painting, paper hanging and decorating. Brewer & Sutton 2nd door west of Post Office.

Z. T. Barker of Crescent, Okla. was here this week on a business trip.

## Are After Brennan

### A New Trial to Result From Endeavors of Wood's Grandson

Judge Thompson will have still another murder trial.

"Jim" Brennan, who was tried in Southwest Kansas years ago for killing Colonel "Sam" Wood, will be brought back and tried again in Stevens county.

This has just been decided Judge Thompson learned about it in Topeka yesterday.

Brennan is now in Oklahoma, and the sheriff of Stevens county has gone after him. Attorney F. S. Macy of Liberal accompanied the sheriff.

Brennan was tried more than 20 years ago for the murder of Wood, growing out of the old county seat fight in Stevens county, between Springfield, Woodsdale and Hugoton. A pitched battle resulted and Wood was killed from the little church that still stands in Hugoton. He was not convicted, and after remaining two terms of court in the county jail, without further prosecution, "Andy" Richards, as judge pro tempore, after nearly every other lawyer attending court there including Judge Hutchinson, having declined to sit as judge pro tempore, was released.

The new effort to bring Brennan to trial results from the endeavors of D. W. Wood of Cottonwood Falls, a grandson of Colonel Wood.

State Senator H. E. Ganse of Emporia is attorney for the Wood family, and confirmed the story at Topeka yesterday.

With this murder trial in Stevens, the Stanton county trial, and the Clark trial in Kearney, Judge Thompson has three big murder cases now pending in his district.—Garden City Telegram.

There's nothing like being independent and investments in the town lots of Ellsaesser, Woods & Henry will start you on that road.

Even during the darkest nights this world fairly glows with self conceit.

It is right to be a good loser, but it wrong to get the habit of losing.

A tight money market is generally noticeable when one wants to borrow.

## Market

PRODUCE—(furnished by Liberal Cold Storage Co.)

Hens, 3½ lbs and over.....	7c
Hens, under 3½ pounds.....	05c
Broilers, 1½ to 2 lbs.....	9c
Ducks, F. F. F. lb.....	7c
Geese, F. F. F. lb.....	5c
Guineas, each.....	15c
Young Turkeys, fat.....	9c
Old Roosters per lb.....	03c
Butter, Packing Stock.....	11c
Eggs, per dozen.....	12½c
Springs.....	9c

GRAIN  
No. 2 Hard Wheat.....86c  
Corn.....45c  
Maize, per cwt.....75c  
Kafir Corn, per cwt.....75c

## Broomcorn

The past week the broomcorn market has been very dull. The total receipts last week were only 11 cars, making a total of 646 for the season. The bad weather has prevented many from bringing in their brush. The quality of last weeks receipts here was very poor, and the top price, \$75, correspondingly low. The demand for poor corn is light, but buyers bid well when a load of good brush is brought in. The present weather conditions will not tend to raise the prices, as the outlook for the coming crop is good at this time.

## Mrs. Abe K. Stoufer and Mrs. Clarence Eidson Entertained

Mrs. Fred A. Keating of Tacoma, Washington was the guest of honor at a delightful whist party last Friday afternoon at the lovely home of Mrs. Abe K. Stoufer on Sherman Av.

The weather though not ideal for a party was too fine for anything for Southwestern Kansas. Even the horses and autos felt gay and took tumbles into the mud as they went the rounds for the guests and took them to the Stoufer home. The pedestrian club sallied out afoot and the dainty manner in which they held their pretty gowns as they walked, enjoying life under an umbrella in rainy, breezy, freezy muddy Kansas made life exciting for the time being as they, to, wended their way to the party.

From 2 o'clock until 3 o'clock the time was spent by the hostess in welcoming guests forty-two of whom had been invited and all but four were able to come. The guests spent this time in introductions to the out of town guests and their cheery happy greetings to their home friends some of whom had just returned from visits from both the east and west. What is better than the greetings of old time friends and the meeting of new ones.

The guests all having arrived they were assigned tables for the game of cards. Ten tables had been arranged in the rooms and all but one were filled. The remaining one was labeled "Rest Table" was a bouquet, a book, a pencil, and tablet. Such a cozy place to sit and think.

At 5:30 an elegant two course lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Frazer and Lillian Wilkins and Master Eugene Stoufer. Little Margaret, by special request of five of the guests was allowed to take lunch with the guests. After the repast all gathered around the large dining table and the honors were awarded to the lucky players. Mrs. Cavanaugh and Mrs. McWilliams. The guest of honor, Mrs. Fred A. Keating was presented with a beautiful bouquet of red carnations. Reluctantly the guests bid their hostesses adieu expressing themselves as having had a most enjoyable afternoon with the hostess and their friends.

Mrs. Stoufer's home is one of the handsomest in Liberal with its large, well arranged and elegantly appointed rooms. The following were the invited guests: Mesdames Steverson, Henry, Summers, McCoy, Johns, Ault, Woods, Nason, Jones, Karau, Taylor, Summers Jr., Warner, Hobbie, J. B. Craig, Sutton, Yocum, McWilliams, Cavanaugh, Gaw, Black, Nichols, Harrison, P. A. Craig, Funk, Macy, Cason, Decker, Misses Kathryn Jordan, and Wright, also Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. J. E. George. The out of town guests were Mrs. F. A. Keating, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Gorman, Mrs. Twist, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Collingwood and Mrs. Adams.

## A GUEST

## Cook—Bowers.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers, near Ematon, Kansas, Stevens county, Saturday, February 18th, occurred the marriage of Miss Francis Bowers to Mr. Lynn Cook, Ira B. Hoskinson officiating. After congratulations an excellent supper was served. The young people will make their home on the groom's farm southeast of Bethel. May they have a long and happy life together.

Mrs. O. M. Woods has issued invitations for luncheon and a 500 party next Thursday afternoon.